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Mr. Chairman,

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effectively, in a parallel and balanced manner, consistent with the Treaty obligations and those undertaken by consensus in the context of Review Conferences.

Mr. Chairman,

This Conference should Review the implementation of Treaty obligations in the field of nuclear non-proliferation, in all its aspects, taking into account relevant

obligations adopted at the 1995, 2000 and 2010 Review Conferences.

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vertical proliferation and assess progress, as well as the pace of any such progress, in the field of nuclear disarmament.

d) Reaffirm the crucial importance of achieving the universality of the Treaty to

address its non-proliferation challenges effectively, both within the Treaty and outside it. Renew with determination the collective commitment of States Parties to vigorously pursue the realization of Treaty universality.

- e) Reaffirm the importance of strict observance, by individual States Parties as well as supply regimes, of conditions for supply stipulated in the 1995 "Decision on Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament", in particular paragraph 12 on acceptance of the Agency's full-scope safeguards and internationally legally binding commitments not to acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices having essential requirements for any supply

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Among the major unfulfilled commitments undertaken under the Treaty and review conference - and there are many as was clearly demonstrated during the last

East has the most dismal record. It epitomizes the failure of the NPT to deliver on legal obligations.

Twenty years have elapsed since the 1995 Review and Extension Conference



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derailed the process laid out in the 2010 Review Conference, and it threatened to

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Mr. Chairman,

We cannot wait forever for the launching of a process that would lead to the establishment of this zone, a process that was repeatedly committed to within the NPT. We cannot continue to attend meetings and agree on outcomes that do not get implemented, yet to be expected to abide by the concessions we gave for such outcomes.

In this context, it is important to underline the fact that, with the failure to hold the 2012 Conference and the end of the 2015 Review cycle, the mandate of the Facilitator, as stipulated in the 2010 Action Plan, has elapsed.

Business as usual is no longer an option. A fresh approach is not only needed but is imperative.

Mr. Chairman

We are here with a view to be forward looking in a positive and constructive manner. We are not interested in a blame game. We are here to discuss new ways to achieve our original objective; the establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and all other Weapons of Mass Destruction. Towards this end, the ~~Non-Aligned Movement and the Arab Group have both presented working papers~~

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providing a simplified approach laying out practical and detailed steps for initiating
the implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East.

The working papers submitted by the Non-Aligned Movement and the Arab

Group both provide a comprehensive and practical approach to the

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take all necessary measures with a view to ensuring the success of the
conference

In addition to states of the region, the five Nuclear Weapon States, the

International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organization on the Prohibition of
Chemical Weapons, the Biological and Marine Weapons Conventions

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The Middle East NPT & WMD Free Zone Conference shall meet annually in its

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11. All UN Member States and NPT States Parties are requested to exert all efforts to support the convening of the Middle East NW & WMD Free Zone Conference and the full implementation of the 1995 Resolution.

Mr. Chair,

We strongly call on the conference to adopt this proposal by consensus so as to begin to fulfill the unimplemented obligations agreed upon 20 years ago in the 1995 resolution.

Convening the Middle East Conference is not an end in itself but a means to launch the process, perhaps this is the last opportunity to regain the credibility of the Treaty, and the relevant review conferences 1995, 2000, 2010 and to reaffirm that the

Treaty represents the most effective legal instrument for the elimination of nuclear weapons from the Middle East.